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INTRODUCTION

Editor's Note

To revere the sad and sorrowful demise of the late Maulvi Abdul Ghaffar Sahib, President of AAIIL, India, Br Shahid Aziz, General Secretary of AAIIL, UK, wrote an inspiring and touching letter to this Editor. This letter has an editorial style to it and thus rightly deserves to share the slot of this Editorial page. *Jazak Allah!*

Brother Shahid Aziz wrote:

> Dear brother Akbar
> *Assalamu Alaikum.*
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> I have just seen your email regarding Maulvi Ghaffar sahib. *Inna lilla hai wa inna alaihai rajiun.* Allah has appointed a time for everything and when that time comes we cannot argue with His decree. Let us pray that Allah accepts his sterling service for the cause of Islam and rewards him.
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> I think Allah destines some people for certain tasks. The achievement of setting up a *jamaat* in India and expanding it was to fall to our brother Shaukat, Maulvi Ghaffar and their team. As Hazrat Mirza Sahib said, the real time to join the cause of truth is when it seems that the true cause will not succeed because once the cause is successful everyone wants to join it. Maulvi Ghaffar joined the cause of truth when there was no *jamaat* in India, and with his team nurtured it.
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> Let his example not die with him and let us all follow it because he lit the dark path and showed us what to do to be successful.

Please pass on mine and the UK *jamaat's* condolences to Maulvi Sahib's family and the India *jamaat*. Let us pray that this sadness even spurs them on to greater successes. (*Amin*)

Kind regards, Shahid

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JAMA'AT NEWS

The General Secretary, AAIIL, Amir Aziz's tour continues

We were able to contact Amir Aziz by phone at the airport when, after completing his visit to Trinidad & Tobago, he was about to return to Suriname. After concluding his visits to Guyana and Suriname, the General Secretary proceeded to Holland where he was the guest of Br A. S. Abdul Santoe Sahib, Central Anjuman's European Representative.

Accompanied by Br Santoe Sahib, the General Secretary has proceeded to Berlin where, on Saturday, 19 March, a Solidarity Meeting has been organised at the Berlin Mosque to aid in the peaceful coexistence of the Muslim community with the larger German society.

This meeting will also be a fund-raising event for the Berlin Mosque and Mission.

The General Secretary of the Central Anjuman is expected to return to Pakistan after the conclusion of his visit to our Mission in Berlin. We will, *inshaa Allah*, be pleased to publish his tour report upon his return to Pakistan.

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Jama'at activities at the Centre, Lahore, Pakistan

Publication of activities in Photo News

In a special "Photographic Presentation" supplement, we were pleased to circulate to *The HOPE Bulletin* readers a host of photographs with captions provided by Hazrat Ameer Sahib of the *Eid Milad un Nabi* gathering held at our regional centres, LASER *qirat* competition held at Darus Salaam, Lahore, and a SHABAN symposium for the interpretation of prayers which was also held at the Lahore venue.

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Remembering our Elders

On Sunday 13 March 2011, the Central Anjuman convened a *jalsa* to honour some of our revered elders who were the pillars of the *Jama'at* and who led exemplary lives with their *iman* and sacrifices of life and property (may Allah be pleased with all of them). The session was broadcast live via USTREAM. Hazrat Ameer Sahib and various other speakers took to the podium.

The elders who were remembered and honoured on this occasion were Hazrat Sahibzada Abdul Lateef Shaheed, Hazrat Sayed Assad Ullah Shah, Hazrat Sheikh Niaz Ahmad Shah, and Hazrat Habeeb ur Rahman.

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Amir Aziz congratulates opening of Centre of AAIIL NZ *Jama'at*

Assalamu Alaikum.

I would like to congratulate you and the AAIIL New Zealand on the inauguration ceremony of the New Zealand Center. I pray that Allah may bless this center as a beam of Spiritual Light for the whole world. May it flourish day in and day out and be a source of spreading the teachings of Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

It's a great step ahead in the history of AAIIL and your endeavours are commendable. May Allah be with you all.

Yours truly,
Amir Aziz
General Secretary, AAIIL
Sent from Holland

[Readers who would like to view the opening of the NZ Centre may do so at the following link: http://aaiil.org/text/articles/hope/2011/hopebulletin2011.shtml (Opening of AAIIL NZ Centre). – *Ed*.]

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Activities of the AAIIL, India

We are very pleased about the yeoman and dedicated services rendered by Br Shaukat Ali for the advancement of the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in this most important region of Asia. *Jazak Allah!*

Needless to say, our Holy Founder, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib, was born in India and it was from here that his mission was carried not only throughout India but to other parts of the world, as well. After partition of the Sub-Continent into two nations, we lost our base in India and our members were scattered in that country. It is important for our worldwide *Jama'ats* that we restore our base there once again with our missionary efforts. In this regard, we applaud the efforts and sacrifices of Br Shaukat A. Ali, Coordinator Asia-Pacific Region. *Jazak Allah!*

We are attaching for your information a report on Br Shaukat's visit to Chennai with this issue of the *Bulletin*, and in the Photographic Presentation section, we are publishing photos that were taken by Advocate Sahab Shabbir during the Republic Day Celebration, at which Br Shaukat Ali participated as a special guest.

Advocate Sahab Shabbir LL.M is a 25-year-young research scholar, who is doing research for his LLD. At Br Shaukat's request, he took special leave to accompany Br Shaukat to Indore and then to Mangalore and Chennai. Unfortunately, both brothers came down with food poisoning after their last supper! While Br Shaukat is now recovered, Advocate Shabbir is still suffering from indigestion and has been on a liquid diet ever since his return from Chennai.

As a result of the leave he took and his subsequent illness, his research work is being adversely affected.

We ask that readers pray fervently for his speedy and complete recovery.

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PRAYER & HEALTH NEWS

Condolence letters on the demise of Isaac Khan of Hayward, California

Shaukat A. Ali, Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Region
Dear Brother Akbar Abdullah
Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatuh.

We are very deeply saddened to learn that our dear brother Mohammed Isaac Khan has left this world to meet with our Maker. *Inna-lillahe wa Inna Ilaihi Rajioon.*

I had known Brother Isaac Khan, his brothers M. Ismail Khan and M. Ishaq Khan, and their father, the late M. Razak Khan, as well as their uncles, the late A. Wahid Khan and the late A. Hamid Khan, very well. They were all senior members of AAIIL Fiji, of which I was the General Secretary from 1974 till 1986, when I left Fiji. They were all very nice people and dedicated members of the *Jamaat* and we pray that Allah *ta'ala* grant their souls eternal peace and the highest place in *Jannat-ul Firdous - aameen*.

The late Brother Isaac Khan was also a very close friend of my first cousin, the late Mohammed Ali (Babu) of Flagstaff, Suva, as they used to work together as mechanics, and Brother Isaac used to visit him, and we also met at my cousin's place many times.

We pray that Compassionate and Merciful Allah grant strength, comfort and *sabr* to the surviving members of the bereaved family at this time of great anguish - *aameen*.

Please convey our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the extended families of Marhoom Mohammed Isaac Khan.

Allah hafiz, Shaukat

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Shahid Aziz, General Secretary, AAIIL, United Kingdom
Dear brother Akbar Abdullah
Assalamu alaikum.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mohammed Isaac Khan of the California *jamaat*. We will say his funeral prayers today. May Allah receive him into His presence with compassion and give his family the strength to bear this loss. (*Amin*)

Shahid

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Jannifar Khanoum, Personal Secretary of Mohammad Mustapha, President, AAIIL, Oakland
My deep and heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the family and friends of the late Marhoom Mohammed Isaac Khan.

May Almighty Allah grant his family the patience and strength to bear the burden of irreparable loss. May he rest in peace and may the Almighty grant him *Jannate-Firdouse. Ameen*.

The late Mohammed Isaac Khan's funeral was today at 2:30 pm. The funeral was held at the Chapel of the Chimes Cemetery, and conducted by Mohammed Mustapha and Husmullah too.

A request to the globe *Jamaat*: the *Janaza Ghaibana* for the late Mohammed Isaac Khan.

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Condolence on the demise of Maulvi Abdul Ghaffar, President, AAIIL, India

Amir Aziz, General Secretary, AAIIL, Pakistan

Assalamu Alaikum.

The sad demise of Abdul Ghaffar sahib is a great loss for our *Jammat*.
Surely we are for Allah and to Him we return

He was a very devoted and dedicated member and served the India *jammat* with great enthusiasm. He had a great missionary spirit and worked like a true *Mubaligh* of our *jammat*. I am fortunate that I had a chance to meet him during my visit to India.

May Allah bless his soul and enter him in the heavens of eternity. May Allah help his family to bear this loss with patience and perseverance.

Yours truly,
Amir Aziz
General Secretary, AAIIL
Berlin

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Nur Jahan Alam, Sydney, Australia

Assalaam alaikum wrwb Bhaijans

Thank you for your message. Please pass on our sincerest condolences to the family and Indian *Jamaat* members. May Allah grant the *Mahroom* forgiveness & a place in Paradise, *ameen*.

Allah Hafiz.
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Correction:

In our last issue of *The HOPE Bulletin*, we reported that Begum Kaniz Fatima Marhooma, wife of the late Ch. Ahmad Sajjad (Retd. Squadron Leader) is survived by two married daughters, when we should have reported as one of the two daughters as married. We regret the error. – *Editor.*

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Health updates

Chaudhary Abdul Sattar Sahib, by the grace Almighty and your prayers, is improving satisfactorily after a delicate surgery. He is now in the physical therapy facility, and according to his healing progress, he may be released to go home where he will continue exercises until completely healed. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.

Parveen's brother was released from hospital and now attends clinic as an outpatient. Please also continue to pray for his complete recovery.

Thanks to your prayers and the Almighty I am fully recovered from a bruised knee and a severe case of bronchitis. *Alhamdollillah*! I still need your prayers so I can stay healthy to serve the *Jama'at* and our worldwide community.

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HEALTH INFORMATION

[Courtesy Mohamed Haroun, Florida, USA]

Aspirin information

Most heart attacks occur in the day, generally between 6 A.M. and noon, Somers said. Having one during the night, when the heart should be most at rest, means that something unusual happened. Somers and his colleagues have been working for a decade to show that sleep apnea is to blame. [Dr. Virend Somers is a cardiologist from the Mayo Clinic and lead author of the report in the July 29, 2008 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.]

1. If you take an aspirin or a baby aspirin once a day, take it at night. The reason: aspirin has a 24-hour "half-life." Therefore, if most heart attacks happen in the wee hours of the morning, the aspirin would be strongest in your system.

2. Aspirin lasts a really long time in your medicine chest ... years. (When it gets old, it smells like vinegar.)

About heart attacks

There are other symptoms of a heart attack besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating. However, these symptoms may also occur less frequently.

Note: There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack.

The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water.

Afterwards, call emergency health service; phone a neighbour or a family member who lives very close by, say, "Heart attack!" and that you have taken two aspirins; take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival. Do *not* lie down.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[Courtesy Nur Jahan Alam, Sydney, Australia]

GIANT 500-YEAR-OLD COPY OF QURAN –TOO FRAGILE TO BE DISPLAYED – IS BIGGER THAN A FLAT SCREEN TV

A rarely-seen manuscript of one of the world's most important copies of the Quran is to be published online.

The handwritten Quran, estimated to be around 500 years old, is so precious and fragile scholars have been unable to put it on display.

Now experts at the University of Manchester's John Rylands Library are using digital technology to photograph each page and publish the book online to enable scholars and students to study it. Analysis of the digital images should aid scholars to date the manuscript more accurately.

The handwritten copy of the Quran, with each page the size of a large plasma screen TV, is to be published online because it is too fragile to be put on display. The fragile 470-page book is kept by in the University of Manchester's John Rylands Library.

It is believed to have originated from Cairo from the library of Kansuh al-Ghuri, one of the last Mamluk Sultans of Egypt.

Each of the 470 pages measures 35in by 24in.

The ornate book was written by several scribes and illuminators for Kansuh al-Ghuri, the penultimate Mameluke sultan of Egypt.

The paper it is written on was made from bombycine, a silken fabric which, after sizing, is polished with smooth stones so that the ink sits on the surface rather than being absorbed (similar in properties to vellum).

Historians disagree on when it was written, with estimates ranging from the second half of the 14th century to 1500.

It was kept in the sultan's library in Cairo and was eventually acquired by the Earl of Crawford.

The Quran was one of several manuscripts which formed the Crawford Collection, artefacts acquired by various Earls of Crawford, which was bought by Enriqueta Rylands in 1900 and became part of her husband's library, the John Rylands Library. The library eventually formed part of the University of Manchester in 1972, which is where it is now.

Known as the Rylands Quran of Kansuh al-Ghuri, it has two missing pages, or leaves, which were discovered in the 1970s at the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin. The missing pages will also be captured in digital images and reunited with the book on the internet.

Below are some photographs of the Qur'an.

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PUBLICATION

Web link to *The HOPE Bulletin* on Central Anjuman's official website

The aaiil.org Webmaster will place online, at http://aaiil.org/text/articles/hope/hopebulletin.shtml, some selected issues of *The HOPE Bulletin* and some articles and special photographic supplements which do not carry any sensitive or confidential matters of our worldwide *Jama'at*.

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To access current and previous issues, kindly click on the following weblink:
http://www.ahmadiyya.org/

We strongly recommend that you access the blog interaction on the Weblog located on this website.

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Aaiil.org webmaster explains Twitter

Twitter is an easy way of keeping up-to-date with the updates being made to aaiil.org . We will also use this service to update people of *Jamaat* news and activities.

You can follow us on the following page: http://twitter.com/aaiil

If you create an account on twitter.com you can 'follow' us by adding our name @aaiil . For those of you who use twitter on your smartphones (e.g., iPhone, Blackberry, etc.) you can follow us on the move.

Updates made on twitter.com are called tweets and contain a link to easily go to the update that is announced.

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Another milestone! aaiil.org keeping up with technology; now on Facebook

Alhamdollillah! The webmaster has added a Facebook page for aaiil.org. Please visit the homepage, http://aaiil.org/index.shtml, and click on the blue Facebook link and then add aaiil.org as a friend.

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WHAT OUR READERS SAY

Jalal Ud Dean, Suva, Fiji

Assalaamu 'Alaikum Wr Wb.

Thanks for the *Salana Jalsa* supplement of 2010.

I was watching the BBC news on TV last night. Indonesia had some serious ethnic minority victimisation riots carried out by majority Sunni groups. Minority groups affected were Christians, their churches and the Ahmadi group. Churches were stormed and burnt and some members of the church were seriously assaulted. The news showed extreme violence against Muslim homes and mosques which belonged to Ahmadis.

The BBC anchorman was obviously a non-Muslim and he did not differentiate which Ahmadi (Lahore or Qadiani). However, recollecting from your previous news circulatories, Ahmadiyya Anjuman holds majority of all Muslim minorities in Indonesia and hence rather highly probable that our Ahmadi brothers and sisters fell victim to those hooligans. Hooligan as seen on the TV included people from wide sector of the Indonesian community, including girls and women hurling large stones at Ahmadis and beating Ahmadis with baton-like sticks. The TV shoot showed many getting hurt and bleeding. There were loud utterances in some language I do not understand (maybe Indonesian or Javanese) and clearly orchestrated assault against Ahmadi men, women and young boys and girls.

Perhaps our other members in Indonesia are aware and may be able to update the rest of us.

Jalal Ud Dean, Suva, Fiji

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Ahamed Hosein, President, OAAIIL, Canada

Assalaam O Alaikum Br Akbar.

In this trying time and the problems we are faced with in this world today, our *Iman* has to be strong and our prayers and faith in Allah have to be genuine and truthful.

May our support for the members of our Anjuman be unified and our prayers for our ailing brothers and sisters bring reward from Allah. May our supplication bring lasting peace and love to all mankind.

Yours truly,
Ahamed Hosein, President OAAIL Lahore,
Toronto, Canada

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Update on tsunami from Shaukat A. Ali, Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Region
Dear brother Akbar sahib
Assalamu alaikum.

From all accounts, there has not been any adverse effect of the tsunami in Fiji, NZ, Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Please continue to pray that Merciful Allah continues to protect all the people of the world from such disasters and guide the Muslims to right path - *aameen*.

Allah hafiz.
Shaukat

[We apologize to Br. Shaukat A. Ali for not publishing his update earlier for the information of our readers. – *Ed.*]

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HOPE MEMBER SERVICE

Recipe of the Month

Moussakka (Jordanian style)

Ingredients

- Eggplant
- Fresh beefsteak
- Tomatoes, sliced
- Canned crushed tomatoes or tomato sauce
- Bell pepper, chopped
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- Onion, minced
- Ground beef

Method of Preparation

- Slice the eggplant vertically into half inch slices. If the eggplant is too long then cut the vertical slices in half horizontally (peel the skin of the eggplant or keep it depending on how you like it).
- Brush a cookie sheet with olive oil, lay eggplant slices on top then brush eggplant slices generously with olive oil.
- Broil in the oven until golden then flip the eggplant and broil the other side.
- Sauté the onion in some olive oil until it starts to brown then add the ground beef.
- Sauté for a few minutes then add the bell pepper.
- Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- When the beef is cooked, add the tomato sauce.
- Bring it to a boil and simmer for another 5 minutes.
- In a baking dish, lay out one layer of eggplant slices (half the amount baked) then add the beef mixture.
- Lay out the rest of the eggplant on top and then top it off with the tomato slices.
- Bake in the oven for about 30 minutes at 350 then broil it for ten minutes or until tomatoes start to get golden.

Serve with some pita bread or rice.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION

The following photographs with Br Shaukat Ali were taken by Advocate Sahab Shabbir during the Republic Day Celebration held at the Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, where Br Shaukat Ali was invited as a special guest.

Br Shaukat is with

Sahab Shabbir (who took the photos)

Advocate Faizul Rahman Sayeed, Mrs Yasmin Ahmad, former Secretary for Health, Tamil Nadu Gov't (in blue sari), Dr Nausheen Dawood, Principal

FR Sayeed, Engineer Habeebur R Birjli & Mufti Mumtaz Alam

FR Rahman, giving tour of College

Then having coffee after the Republic Day celebration

Touring, and signing the visitors' book at college library

FR Sayeed giving tour of College to Mumtaz Alam, Shaukat Ali & Sahab Shabbir (who was taking the photos)

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